



“IT’S TIME TO GET SERIOUS WITH GOD”

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Ecclesiastics 3:1 “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven” NASB
“If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him and to hold fast to Him— then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. **Every place where you set your foot will be yours:** Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea. No one will be able to stand against you. The LORD your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go.” Duet. 11:22-25

This is the promise God gave His people when they were to soon conquer the Promise Land. This is the same promise that God has given us in our walking with Him. The key to our success is our obedience to God and to walk with Him daily. It is time for every Christian to get serious with God: GET SERIOUS

GET SERIOUS IN YOUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S WORD

“If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow...”
Duet. 11:22a

Obey and practice the Word of God in your life. Many Christians just like to listen to the Word of God but do not like to practice it. James said, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” James 1:22 It is time we start obeying and practicing the Word of God so that His full blessings be upon us. Get serious in obeying God and doing His will. Duet. 11:26 says, “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse — the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today;” Many Christians want the blessings of God but they still want to live in secret sin. They have one foot in God’s kingdom and one foot in the devil’s kingdom. God cannot bless sin! Repent of your rebellion and disobedience and start getting serious in obeying God. **King Saul rebelled and disobeyed God and he paid a big price.** God commands us to obey His Word. Obey your leaders. (Heb. 13:17) Wives obey your husbands. (Eph. 5:22-23) Husbands obey

Jesus' word to love your wives. (Eph. 5:25)
 Children obey your parents. (Eph. 6:1)
 Lev. 18:4-5 says, "You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD."

GET SERIOUS IN LOVING GOD



"If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow **to love the LORD your God.**

God reveals to us on how we are to love Him. "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deut. 6:5

Jesus said it this way, "Jesus replied: "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matt. 22:37

When we love God with all our hearts we do not want to hurt or offend Him. We want to please Jesus and serve Him from a pure heart. When you love God with all you have you will not play with sin. When people hurt

you, forgiveness is in your heart because you love God and your neighbor who hurt you. You love God because He first loved you when you were lost in the world.

You are grateful to God for saving you and changing your life. 1John 4:19 says, "**We love because he first loved us.** **Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.** For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." Many Christians who say 'I love God' but have a hard time loving their fellow brothers are called liars by God. God says, "**Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.** For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." 1Jn. 4:20 God wants all of His children to love Him, His sons and daughters, backsliders and lost souls. When you love God with all your heart you will serve Him no matter what comes your way. In ministry, or as a faithful Christian serving in the church.

GET SERIOUS IN WALKING IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM

"If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, **to walk in obedience to him...** "If you say you are a Born-Again Christian then walk that godly walk with God. God is Holy and He expects for us to walk with Him with pure hearts. We have been saved from a wicked world and have been cleansed with the precious blood of Jesus. Now we are in right standing before God. We are now commanded to walk in the

‘Highway of Holiness.’

Isaiah 35:8 says, “And a highway will be there; it will be called the **Way of Holiness**; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.” We are not to walk like the unbelievers who walk in darkness. “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:” Eph. 4:17-18

We are now walking in the kingdom of light and not in the devil’s kingdom of darkness. Stay away from walking into the devil’s territory or you will fall. Samson was wandering in satan’s kingdom and he fell. Judges 16:4 says, “Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.” Samson was walking in devil’s turf. Samson was mixing with a sinful woman in the devil’s turf. The Bible tells us not to be hanging around with sinners who are not saved. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” 2 Cor. 6:14

GET SERIOUS IN BEING FAITHFUL TO HIM

“If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him and **to hold fast to him.**” **To hold fast to God means to be faithful and loyal to Him.** The Good News Bible says it this way “Obey faithfully everything that I have commanded you: Love the Lord your God,

do everything He commands, and be **FAITHFUL TO HIM.**” Duet 11:22. Be faithful to God as you walk with Him every day because He is a faithful God. “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; **he is the faithful God**, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.” Duet. 7:9



Even when we are unfaithful to God He remains faithful to us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in walking close to God and being faithful. “to walk in obedience to him and **to hold fast to him.**” God knows that we will make our mistakes in our journey with Him. But remain loyal and faithful in your commitment to repent and continuing walking with God. Learn from your mistakes and allow Jesus to change your heart daily in spite of your failures. God will protect you from the devil’s attacks! He is a Faithful God. “**But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.**” 2Thess. 3:3

CONCLUSION:

What happens when we get serious with God? God will open the windows of heaven and bless you beyond your understanding. “If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow to love the LORD your God, to walk in

obedience to him and to hold fast to him then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. **Every place where you set your foot will be yours:** God will protect you and bless you, your marriage and your household. **Malachi 3:10** says, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will **not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.** It’s time to get serious with God because He wants to bless you and your household.